

REMARKS

Claims 1-53 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-36, drawn to an interface between a microprocessor, or a local bus, and a user macro-cells..", classified in Class 710, subclass 100;

Group II, claims 37-51, drawn to an "interface protocol to manage two-way transactions between a microprocessor bus, or a local bus, and a user macro-cells..", classified in Class 710, subclass 105; and

Group III, claims 52-53, drawn to a "software facility to write an operating system independent driver code suitable for macro-cell based devices interfaced to a microprocessor, or a local bus", classified in Class 717, subclass 139.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-36.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael K. Mutter (Reg. No. 29,680) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview


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in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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